

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-02-09

Issued at: Kodiak, Wednesday, February 11, 2009

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Monday, June 1, 2009

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 25 2009,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the bag and possession limit, and the annual limit for king salmon in the Ayakulik River drainage. The bag and possession limit is reduced to one king salmon 20 inches or greater in length. The annual limit in the Ayakulik drainage for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is two. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Monday, June 1, 2009, through 11:59 p.m. Saturday, July 25, 2009.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA. (a)(1)(D) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Monday, June 1, 2009 through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 25, 2009:

5 AAC 64.022 Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area.

(a) (1) (D). In the Ayakulik River drainage, from June 1 – July 25, the limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is one per day, one in possession. The annual limit in the Ayakulik River drainage for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is two.

Denby S. Lloyd,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Leonard Schwarz
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Ayakulik River biological escapement goal of 4,800 – 9,600 king salmon was not achieved in two of the past three years. The 2007 escapement of 6,400 met the spawning goal, but was less than half the previous 10-year average of 13,400 king salmon. Based on current trends and the age composition of the 2008 return, the department is anticipating another poor run in 2009. Therefore it is justified to restrict Ayakulik River king salmon sport fishing limits to one king salmon per day 20 inches in length or greater, one king salmon 20 inches in length or greater in possession, with an annual limit of two king salmon 20 inches in length or greater.

DISTRIBUTION:

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